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2. New Barracks near Gara Pirin
3. Soviet Mine-Sweepers

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1. The 21 Infantry Regiment of 2 Division is stationed at Nevrokop. During the latter part of April, 2 Battalion, 14 Infantry Regiment, was moved from Petrich to Sveti Vrach.
2. In early May 1951 some infantry soldiers of the military class of 1928 were discharged from the infantry regiment at Yambol. Letters were sent to artillery and cavalry reserve officers and soldiers of the military class of 1920, who reside in the Petrich area, to report for induction on 25-26 June at Gorna Dzhumaya and Sveti Vrach.
3. Barracks were being constructed between Gara Pirin and Bresnitsa.
4. On the road from Gara Pirin to Gorna Dzhumaya anti-tank impediments consisting of cement pyramids, two meters high, were being constructed. The pyramids were so placed that only one-way traffic was possible.
5. By October 1951 about 200 mine-sweepers will have been constructed by the Soviet shipyards of Odessa, Nikolaiev and Hersen. These vessels [redacted] of the [redacted] mine-sweeper [redacted]. They are made of oak wood with an outer layer of copper, because of the shortage of iron, and also because wood and copper do not attract magnetic mines. The mine-sweepers are about 119 feet long and 19 feet wide. They have diesel engines with a speed of about 18 to 20 knots.
6. The mine-sweepers have one 3 inch or 3.7 inch gun at the front of the ship, and one Oerlikon anti-aircraft gun at the stern. On the bridge there are searchlights and two or three Oerlikon or Shoda anti-aircraft machine guns. All of the ships have "nine sounding bell" (sic) instruments at the prow, and in the middle of the ship there is a square frame [redacted]
7. During the first part of May 1951 five of these mine-sweepers, lead by the mine-sweeper T-189, arrived at Constanta. It has been rumored that 18 of these mine-sweepers will be given to the Rumanian Navy and 18 to the Bulgarian Navy.

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